REMARKS

In response to the Election/Restriction Requirement mailed October 3, 2003, Applicant provisionally elects the claims of Group I and Species A. Claims 1-24 are believed to read on the elected species after entry of this amendment which now makes claim 23 dependent on claim 1.

The Examiner is requested to reconsider his Species Election Requirement because all of the species are drawn to subject matter which are so related to each other that an undue burden would not be placed upon the Examiner by maintaining both species in a single application. (See, e.g., MPEP § 803)

Favorable consideration of this application is respectfully requested.

Respectfully submitted,

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